

## "30 minutes of English"

### Lesson 3.

#### Topic: "Sports and fitness"

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#### Sport in Britain

**S** Task 9a. What popular British sports can you see in the pictures? Describe them.



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Task 9b. What other popular British sports do you know? The names of David Beckham, Lennox Lewis, Lewis Hamilton, Wayne Rooney are known all over the world. In what sports are they famous?

**R** Task 10a. Learn the words in the box. Read the text.

soccer sporting event sailing athletics grass hockey horse-racing competition

The British are a sporting nation. Like everyone else they love football - in fact, they invented it. Most British towns and cities have a football team. Every year each team plays in the Association Football (or soccer) competition. There are plenty of amateur and professional soccer clubs all over Britain. The two best teams play in the Cup Final at Wembley Stadium in London. It's one of the biggest sporting events of the year.

The main spectator sport in British life is horse-racing. The Derby is perhaps the most famous single sporting event in the whole world.

Cricket is a typically British game. It's a summer game. Cricket is long and slow, but it can be exciting if you understand what is going on. To many Englishmen cricket is both a game and a standard of behaviour. If a man says "It's not cricket", it means that something is unfair. Today, the expression is used mostly by older generation or jokingly.

Tennis is another popular game in Britain. Every summer, in June, the biggest international tennis tournament takes place at Wimbledon, a suburb of London.

Many British people who live near the sea, a lake or a river enjoy sailing. They also like to play golf and grass hockey. Various forms of athletics such as running, jumping, swimming, boxing are also very popular. Winter is a good season of hunting and fishing.

Task 10b. Answer the questions.

1. What is another word for "football" in Britain?
2. Where does the Cup Final take place?
3. How is horse-racing called?
4. What is the typical English sport?
5. What other sports are popular in Britain?



**L** Task 11. Listen to the people discussing their favourite sports to play and watch. Answer the questions.

1. What sport does he like to watch?
  - a) swimming
  - b) soccer
2. What sport does he like to play?
  - a) football
  - b) rugby and tennis
3. What is her favourite sport to watch?
  - a) ice-hockey
  - b) skiing
4. He doesn't like ...
  - a) to talk about sports
  - b) to play badminton
5. When he was in England, he ...
  - a) played football
  - b) watched football